

ENTENTE ALLIES TAKING A HAND IN MEXICO

PRESSURE IS BEING BROUGHT TO BEAR ON CARRANZA NOW

Alfies Say That German Influence is Trying to Inflamm the Mexicans.

NO MARCHING ORDERS YET

International Conference on the Mexican Situation is the Latest Suggestion.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Strong pressure is being brought to bear upon General Carranza by representatives of European powers to prevent him from forcing a break with the United States. Indirect reports reaching the state department today told of these efforts and said there was a possibility they would be successful. Agencies of the Entente Allies are understood to be active for peace, particularly, they say, because German influence has sought to inflame the Mexican government against the United States with a view to preventing this country from gathering in trade formerly controlled by Germany in Mexico, South and Central America.

It is pointed out that Carranza might avoid war by calling for an international commission to discuss the border situation as provided for in the treaty of 1848. So far, however, no suggestion for such a step has come from Mexico.

A definite statement has been revealed that General Carranza is doing all in his power to protect Americans in Mexico from attack by the ponible. He is said to have given Special Agent Rodgers in Mexico City all the aid in his power in arranging for trains to carry American refugees from the interior to Vera Cruz. In some quarters here this was construed as evidence that he is not bent upon provoking hostilities.

The state department had no advice bearing on these hopeful indications, except that from Special Agent Rodgers announcing the progress of his efforts to get American citizens out. With the full consent of the Carranza authorities, he said, and the promise of adequate protection from possible bandit attacks, he had arranged for a special train to leave Mexico City tomorrow carrying Americans to Vera Cruz.

Marching orders for national guard organizations summoned to the colors are still held up at the war department, pending completion of the mobilization of the troops at state camps.

Just as soon as a sufficient number of the guardsmen have been mustered into the federal service, the war department will act upon General Funston's report of yesterday stating the number of units he desired.

Only preliminary reports on the progress of the mobilization in various states have reached the war department. These were viewed as satisfactory.

Secretary Baker said the suggestion that the senior class at West Point Military Academy be graduated immediately for active service was under consideration but that no decision had been reached. The cadets have completed three years of their work and could be commissioned as second lieutenants immediately.

WASHINGTON AWAITING WORD FROM CARRANZA

WASHINGTON, June 21.—The United States today anxiously awaited word from Mexico City regarding General Carranza's attitude toward the note sent him yesterday for on him depended the question of war between the two republics. High officials here admitted privately they looked for war, although care was taken to avoid any formal expression.

G. W. SWIGER IS TAKEN BY THE DEATH ANGEL

One of the Best Known Residents of the County Dies in Local Hospital.

George W. Swiger, aged 80, the oldest living representative of the Swiger family, passed away at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning in a local hospital, following a surgical operation for an affliction with which he had suffered for years. Funeral services will be held at the Knox home at Brown at 11 o'clock Thursday morning and interment will be in the Brown cemetery. The Rev. John Burnside will preach the funeral.

The deceased man had been a member of the Baptist church at Brown for several years. He was a very active member of the church and led a devout Christian life. He was one of the most useful citizens of the county, and one whose death will be mourned in practically every home in the county. With the possible exception of a few newcomers to this section, George W. Swiger was known by everyone. He was ever kind and charitable, and though he has been taken from earth, the memories of his many deeds of kindness will live forever in the hearts of Harrison county residents.

In the words of the poet "he hath wrapped the drapery of his couch about him and lain himself down to pleasant dream."

or act which might appear forerunners of a declaration of war. The only answer required from General Carranza is action suppressing outlaw treatment of Americans and officials feared against hope that this would not be done.

SILLIMAN LEAVES

Saltillo and Arrives at Eagle Pass, Tex., Safely on His Way Home.

EAGLE PASS, Tex., June 21.—General Murguia, a Carranza commander, arrived at Piedras Negras, a Mexican town opposite here, with a detachment of 2,000 Yaquis, reinforcing the garrison there. A large part of the civilian population of Piedras Negras has already moved south.

Consul R. L. Silliman arrived in this city early today from Saltillo, coming by way of Monclova, owing to the cessation of railroad traffic between Monterrey and Nuevo Laredo. He expects to remain here for several days. Mr. Silliman is the last American consul to leave Mexico.

WILSON REFUSES

Again to Urge Passage of the Susan B. Anthony Amendment by Congress.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—An interpretation of the suffrage plank in the Democratic platform was sought from President Wilson today by Mrs. D. E. Hooker, of Richmond, Va., acting as spokesman for the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage and the Virginia State Federation of Labor. She left the White House with the report that the president stated the plank meant the question should be decided by the states, not by federal action, and still held to his refusal to urge the passage of the Susan B. Anthony amendment to the constitution.

STILL AT LARGE.

SAN ANTONIO, June 21.—The band of armed Mexicans operating about sixteen miles west of here was still at large today. A sheriff's posse spent the night looking for the bandits.

IS ACQUITTED.

John Stall, of Tin Plate, was acquitted late Tuesday in Magistrate R. Edward Kidd's court of a charge of assaulting and beating Charles Vasas there. The complainant was required to pay the costs.

Mrs. J. T. Baber and children, of Jefferson, O., are guests of the Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Arnett, of Adamston.

TO DROP CHARGES.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Chief Bielaski of the department of justice bureau of investigation today telegraphed his El Paso agent to drop the charges against Frederick Griese, a German banker of Mexico City, banker there yesterday for alleged attempts to violate American neutrality. Investigation convinced officials here there had been no violation.

WOLVES ARE SOLDIERS.

BALTIMORE, June 21.—Of the fourteen sons all living of Mrs. Mary Wolfe, of this city, six now wear the uniform of United States soldiers. Two are with the Twelfth cavalry in Mexico, one is a member of the Twelfth artillery stationed in Vermont, and three are members of the Fourth regiment, Maryland national guard.

RETIRED MERCHANT

Passes Away at Home of His Daughter, Mrs. J. F. Ralston at Glenwood.

B. T. Sandy, aged 83 years, a well known retired merchant, died at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. F. Ralston, at Glenwood, following a year's illness of a complication of diseases.

Surviving relatives of the deceased man are Mrs. J. F. Ralston, of Glenwood; Mrs. A. C. Pigott, of Brown; Mrs. D. F. Haggerty, of Sardis; Mrs. J. H. Cramer, of Lumberport, daughters, and John Sandy, of Cleveland, O.; Charles Sandy, of Sardis, and J. D. Sandy, of Buffalo, O., sons.

The deceased man was a lifelong member of the Baptist church and was a good, honest, honorable, Christian gentleman. He was successfully engaged in the mercantile business for a long number of years. The funeral arrangements have not been completed yet, but the burial will be in the Sardis cemetery. The time of the funeral services will be announced later.

SCHOOLS SEIZED

Along with Hospitals by Turks and Missionaries Have to Abandon Work.

NEW YORK, June 21.—Schools and hospitals owned and conducted by the American Board of Foreign Missions at Marsovan and Sivas, Turkey, valued at more than half a million dollars, have been commandeered by the Turks for military purposes and the missionaries in charge compelled to abandon their work there, according to Americans who arrived here today from the Orient. The property was taken over, they said, in May when the diplomatic situation between the United States and Germany was tense over the negotiations growing out of the U-boat controversy.

AEROPLANE

Ordered in This Country Are to Be Used by China to Transport Its Mails.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 21.—The Chinese government has ordered twenty-five aeroplanes at an average cost of \$10,000, according to an aeroplane manufacturer here, who said today he had received the contract. J. Lin, the representative of the Chinese government, with whom the contract was arranged, said aeroplanes were to be used in transporting mails over routes not yet definitely named but tentatively laid out.

WOMAN JAILED

As Accomplice in Alleged Highway Robbery of Two Lick Coal Miners.

Minnie McDonnell, of Union Heights, was arrested and placed in the county jail Tuesday under a warrant issued by Magistrate T. G. Nicewarner charging her with complicity in the highway robbery of John Pavis, a Two Lick coal miner, there a recent night.

Povich complained that two men held him up and beat him senseless and that when he came to \$65 he had in his pocket was missing. He caused the arrest of William McDonnell, husband of the woman just jailed, and Richard Edge, both of whom are awaiting trials before Magistrate Nicewarner. McDonnell being a county jail prisoner.

LOTS OF AMMUNITION.

LAREDO, Tex., June 21.—Approximately 17,000,000 rounds of ammunition has been taken in charge by Carranza authorities throughout Mexico and the government factory is working twenty-four hours daily to augment this supply, according to an American refugee from Mexico City, who arrived here today. The output of the government factory is approximately 30,000 rounds of cartridges daily, he said.

MRS. J. J. ASTOR FORFEITS \$5,000,000 AND PALATIAL NEW YORK HOME TO WED AGAIN



Mrs. J. J. Astor and Fifth avenue home she forfeits.

NEW YORK, June 21.—Eastern society is keenly interested in the recently reported engagement and approaching marriage of Mrs. Madeline Force Astor to Mr. William K. Dick, Brooklyn business man and prominent among the oldest families of that city. The match is especially interesting when it is recalled that under the terms of Colonel Astor's will the bride will relinquish the Astor income and fortune in marrying a second time. She will give up the famous old mansion at No. 840 Fifth avenue. The \$5,000,000 trust fund and the house

will revert to young Vincent Astor. Colonel Astor's son by a former marriage. Mrs. Astor as Mrs. Dick will still have the care of the four-year-old John Jacob Astor 3rd, on whom \$3,000,000 was settled by the father. Madeline Talmage Force was eighteen years old when society was astonished with the news of her engagement to Colonel Astor. He had been divorced from Ava Willing Astor scarcely a year when he met Miss Madeline Force, a lovely debutante, at

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BIG BONUS VOTE OFFER THIS WEEK IN THE BIG CLUB

And Now is the Time to Get Busy in the Big Campaign for Leadership.

This is really the second week of the 10,000 Club. While it was announced the week previous, no one accomplished anything worth while until last week. We call it Booster Week and have made a big bonus vote offer in order to encourage everyone who is interested in the club to get busy now while the votes come easier.

With each and every club of \$15 worth of business which you turn in this week, we will allow a bonus ballot good for 30,000 extra votes. This 30,000 extra vote certificate will be given in addition to the regular votes by your subscriptions. Subscriptions may be for any length of time from six months up. They be either new or renewals.

Give yourself a chance to profit by this Booster Week offer. Be a Booster and win the big Overland six-cylinder touring car or one of the other splendid prizes. You can if you will. No one has a better right to the prizes than you have, and you have just as much energy and ability along this line as any other member of the club. Climb on the list of getters now, and get out of the rut. Win a place and a prize for yourself at one and the same time. Don't Let This Opportunity Escape. Grasp it now. Six weeks from now you may be one who is awarded one of the splendid automobiles or one of the other splendid prizes. Don't let anyone else get them. They are yours by right and enthusiasm.

Enter the club now. Clip today's nomination ballot and send it in at once. Clip every coupon you possibly can this week. Get every one you know to clip the coupons for you. Do everything you can to get a \$15 club, and thus help you to win one of the great prizes six weeks from now.

You have six weeks to secure the automobile. You can win it in this young time if you make up your mind that you will—that nothing can stop you. This is the way empires have been won—this is the only way to win anything worthwhile in life.

BOUC TAKES BAR TEST.

MORGANTOWN, June 21.—Fifteen applicants are taking the examination for certificates to practice law in West Virginia before the state examining board in the College of Law, West Virginia University, among them being F. V. Bouc, of Clarksburg.

HUGE SUM IS PAID IN LIFE INSURANCE

Nearly \$100,000 Distributed in City during Year, Insurance Press Reports.

NEW YORK, June 21.—Distributions by life insurance organizations in the United States and Canada amounted to \$733,700,000 in 1915, as computed by The Insurance Press. The amount exceeded by \$47,000,000 the amount computed for 1914. Under the policies of level premium companies and the certificates of life insurance organizations on the assessment basis, the payments in the two countries for death claims, matured endowments and other benefits amounted to \$461,300,000. For premium savings, for the cash values of policies that were surrendered, for annuities, and to beneficiaries under policies issued in foreign countries the regular companies of the United States and Canada paid amounts, estimated in part, that aggregated \$282,400,000.

Summation of life insurance payments of all kinds in 1915: Claims paid in the United States and Canada \$461,300,000 Payments for premium savings and surrender values, and to annuitants, and in foreign countries 282,400,000

Grand total \$733,700,000 The largest policy paid during 1915 was to the beneficiaries of Dohman J. Sinclair, of Steubenville, O., the amount being \$837,475.

The following statistics pertaining to West Virginia are included in the report of the Insurance Press:

Policies for \$10,000 or more were paid as follows: one for \$110,000 to beneficiaries of Michael P.ue, of Marlinton, being the largest:

CHARLESTON.
Charles Ward \$37,187
Henry Richard 20,000
J. L. Richardson 18,000
H. W. Knight 15,000
John T. Parks 12,000
George R. Wendling 11,577
Name not given 10,000
Name not given 10,000

CLARKSBURG.

Charles S. Smiley 10,000

HINTON.

Harvey Ewart 36,500

HUNTINGTON.

Morton G. Watson 35,000

Cyrus D. Van Bibber 24,836

LEWISBURG.

Henry T. Bell 10,450

MANNINGTON.

W. D. Smith 38,000

MARLINTON.

Michael P.ue 110,000

MARTINSBURG.

Name not given 16,400

Name not given 15,000

MOOREFIELD.

James W. Gilkeson 14,780

PENCE SPRINGS.

Andrew P. Pence 10,000

POINT PLEASANT.

Name not given 12,886

WESTON.

Henry Brannon 18,770

WHEELING.

Name not given 13,576

Name not given 12,732

Name not given 12,547

Morgan O. Hart 10,000

Henry M. Russell 10,000

WOODLAND.

Name not given 10,000

Total payments in the leading towns and cities of the state were as follows:

Wheeling \$289,750

Charleston 230,500

Huntington 136,750

Clarksburg 94,000

Marlinton 91,000

Hinton 89,125

Parkersburg 77,125

Martinsburg 72,500

Point Pleasant 54,500

Mannington 45,250

Bluefield 41,500

Fairmont 41,500

Moorefield 39,250

Princeton 37,500

Weston 32,250

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Pence Spring 16,000
Summers county 16,000
Woodland 16,000
Morgantown 12,000
Phillippi 12,000
Winifrede 12,000
Cairo 11,000
Durgon 11,000
Moundsville 11,000
Newell 11,000
West Union 10,000
Payments under \$10,000 were made in fifty-six cities and towns.

TO ENTRAIN

For the Mobilization Camp at Mt. Gretna Thursday Are Philadelphia Troops.

PHILADELPHIA, June 21.—The first of the Philadelphia troops to entrain for the mobilization camp, Mt. Gretna, will be Company B of the engineers' battalion. The organization will start for Mt. Gretna Thursday to assist in the work of preparing the camp for virtually the entire national guard of the state, which will arrive Saturday. Recruiting in this city has been brisk ever since the president's call was received.

Mayor Smith last night issued a call for a meeting of representative citizens on Thursday to formulate plans for the support of families of national guardsmen during their service under the federal government. The mayor also called upon all employers to guarantee their men full pay wherever possible during their absence. An ordinance will be introduced in city council tomorrow at the direction of Mayor Smith providing an appropriation to pay the salaries of all city employees during their service with the guard.

VIOLENT ATTACK

Made by the Germans in the Fighting at Verdun is Repulsed by French.

PARIS, June 21.—Violent attack on the French positions northwest of Rheims was made by the Germans last night at hill No. 108, and in the direction of Berry-au-Bac, according to an official statement issued by the war office today. The attack was repulsed. The Germans exploded two mines before launching their infantry against the French trenches. Their repulse was due to the effectiveness of the French screen fire.

In the Verdun sector no infantry action was reported but a mutual bombardment was maintained during the night.

LEMONS FINED

By Magistrate Jackson V. Carter for Assaulting W. R. Ramsey, of Wilsonburg.

Joseph Lemons, of Wilsonburg, was fined \$5 and costs in Magistrate Jackson V. Carter's court Tuesday evening when found guilty of assaulting and beating W. R. Ramsey, of the same place. Lemons paid the fine and costs and was released. Lemons was arrested Monday night at Wilsonburg by Constable Reuben J. Bartlett upon a warrant sworn out by Ramsey. The men were fellow workmen at a mine near Wilsonburg.

NO THIRD TICKET.

TOPEKA, Kan., June 21.—There will be no Progressive party ticket in Kansas this year. This was made known today when it was announced that the ten presidential electors chosen at the state convention would not file their declaration.

CIRCUS IS CALLED OFF OWING TO DOWNPOUR

Sells-Floto Show Has to Move On to Grafton without Showing Here.

Owing to a downpour of rain, which converted roads and fields into mires of mud, the Sells-Floto circus was unable to give its performances Wednesday on the Thorn lots at Point Comfort as planned, disappointing thousands of persons who had gathered as well as the management.

It was not until noon that decision was made by the circus management to call off its engagement here as strenuous efforts were made to find another location within easy reach of the railroad tracks. The most favorable looking tract of land, however, was found to be too small to accommodate the big circus and it was impossible to make use of it. There was too much mud to allow the heavy circus wagons to reach the Thorn lots.

The circus came here from Marietta, O., in its own train of forty cars. When the local engagement was called off it was taken to Grafton, where it is billed to show Thursday.

SPECIAL TRAIN

Out of Mexico City Will Carry 600 Americans to the City of Vera Cruz.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—An overnight despatch from Special Agent Rodgers at Mexico City received at the state department today said arrangements had been concluded satisfactorily for the special train to carry out Americans and foreigners to Vera Cruz. He reiterated hope that it would start today taking many of the 600 or more American citizens still in the capital.

SHINNISTON MAN FINED.

C. J. Kerr, a middle aged man of Shinnistown, was fined \$5 and costs late Tuesday in Magistrate T. G. Nicewarner's court for assaulting and beating Tony Smith, aged 19, there June 13. He paid the required amount and was released.